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FASTERNERS

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1. FRG ECONAD IS PRESSING FOR FORMAL U.S. REPLY IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO HIS STATEMENT IN COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 20 OF FRG CONCERN WITH EFFORTS OF U.S. INDUSTRY TO INTRODUCE NEW STANDARDIZED SYSTEM FOR BOLTS AND NUTS, OPTIMAL FASTERNERS METRIC STANDARD (OFMS).

2. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE PRIOR TO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 7, U.S. REP WILL DRAW ON REFS BD AND C AND MAKE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QTE I REFER TO THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY THE REP OF THE FRG REGARDING THE EFFECT ON STANDARDIZATION WITHIN NATO OF INTRODUCTION BY U.S. INDUSTRY, AS PART OF CONVERSION TO THE METRIC SYSTEM, OF A NEW STANDARDIZATION SYSTEM FOR BOLTS AND NUTS, THE SO-CALLED OPTIMAL FASTERNERS METRIC STANDARD (OFMS). THE U.S. POSITION WITH REGARD TO THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM IS THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD PROCEED ON A PRIVATE BASIS BETWEEN INDUSTRY REPS OF THE U.S. AND EUROPE. I UNDER-

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STAND THAT AT A RECENT JOINT MEETING IN MUNICH OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES OF THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATION (ISO) REPS OF U.S. AND EUROPEAN INDUSTRY REACHED AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. UNQTE.BRUCE

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